

RESOLUTION NO. #754-2010

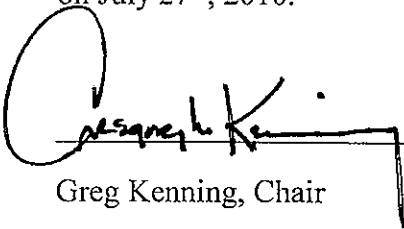
SUPPORT FOR I-JOBS II GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has established an I-JOBS II grant program for flood mitigation and prevention projects; and

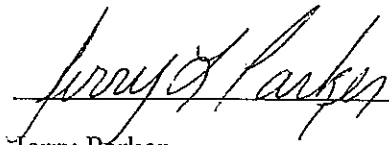
WHEREAS, Wapello County has developed a grant application which would, in addition to other funds to which the County has access, pay for the reconstruction and raising of portions of 120th Avenue which will provide flood mitigation and flood protection to the residents along 120th Avenue; NOW

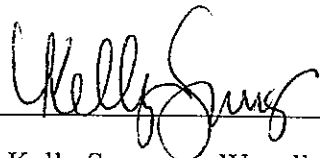
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wapello County Board of Supervisors does endorse and support this grant application and urges the Iowa Finance Authority to fully fund the request of Wapello County.

The above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the Wapello County Board of Supervisors on July 27th, 2010.


Greg Kenning, Chair

Steve Siegel


Jerry Parker

Attest: 
Kelly Spurgeon Wapello County Auditor

OTTUMWA

CITY OF BRIDGES...RIVER OF OPPORTUNITY

July 29, 2010

Mr. Brian Moore
County Engineer
536 Mill Street
Ottumwa, IA 52501

Dear Brian:

Speaking on behalf of the City of Ottumwa, we strongly support Wapello County's application for financial assistance for improvements to 120th Street in Wapello County. This road gets flooded frequently and at least 20 residences are directly affected by the flooding that occurs on this road. 120th Street is a major road for people commuting into the city and is vital for people to get to work and shop.

Sincerely,


Joseph Helfenberger
City Administrator

Secondary Roads Office

I am writing to voice my concerns with County road 120th Ave. I own a trailer court at 7133 120th Ave as well as farm ground. This road is our only way to enter or escape from our homes. Since mid June it has constantly been flooded with water from 2 foot to waist deep. The water usually raises so fast we have to drive through it to get our cars out before it gets to deep, then your stuck either in your home or out trying to make living arrangements else where. We first get flooded from

the backwater that comes through Gray Eagle Reserve, over our only road of escape and through the farm ground. It comes over the road long before it ever comes over the river bank.

When people have to leave their homes, because they need a way to get to work, it puts a terrific monetary burden on them to cover the cost of living away from home.

The flood water has been over our road since mid June and has gotten higher than waist deep on three different occasions. Those who stay down here have to go in and out by boat.

The thought of a medical emergency

is also a real possibility. There are five families of senior citizens with various health issues. There is no way emergency help could get through in time, if needed.

Several families have lost power causing food loss, and the garbage has not been picked up for five weeks causing a sanitary issue.

I personally spent \$3,000.⁰⁰ to add camping sites this year and the road has kept the campers out. I also was not able to plant a bean crop which I had paid insurance on.

These are just a few of the issues we have and the cleanup of the mud, slime, and sand is yet to come. We have lost sand point pumps, our water source, as

well as a few campers.

I personally have cleaned my garage and drive way three different times this month alone. Everytime, up comes the water again.

Something needs to be done to raise the road at least 3 feet or put a levee along the road on the Reserve. One way or another this situation needs a remedy and needs it soon.

Thank you for your time and interest we, hope.

The residents of 7133 120th Ave.

Martha Dietz - Lot 30 Owner

Michael Londer - Lot 15

Rhonda Ober - Lot 7

James E. Randall

Bonnie E. Randall

James E. Randall Jr. 25

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Lisa & Tony Van Derbeek Lot # 24

John & Nora Renfrew Lot # 14

Chris W. Grover Lot 28

Paul & Brenda Lot # 9

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Angela J. Bremer

Doug Goden Lot # 21

Roger Howell Lot # 19

Vicki Presti

Shawn M. Westfall Lot # 13

Shawn A. Westfall lot # 13

Doug Young Lot # 4

Bill Denniston Lot # 30

Chuck Craver Lot # 12

Mike Daly Lot # 1

Jerry Funk Lot # 29